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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

John MURACA

Serial No.: 09/853,703

Group Art Unit: 3626

Confirmation No. 6536

Attorney Docket No.: 1503.1002/GMG/AP

Filed: May 14, 2001

Examiner: Carolyn M. BLECK

For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND MEDIUM USING A MASTER CONTROL FILE FOR
COMPUTER SOFTWARE INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN DISPARATE OPERATING
SYSTEMS

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION IN VIEW OF NOTICE OF APPEAL ALREADY
FILED AND CONCURRENT FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A Final Office Action was mailed May 16, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. In response, a Notice of Appeal was filed on November 15, 2006 together with the appropriate extension of time fee setting a January 15, 2007 due date for filing an Appeal Brief.

Presently, in lieu of an Appeal Brief, pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.114 (d), Applicant wishes to file the instant Amendment together with (1) an RCE, (2) RCE fee (\$790), (3) a Petition for a five-month extension of time extending the due date from **January 15, 2007** to and including **Friday, June 15, 2007**, (4) an extension of time fee (\$2160), and (5) excess independent claim fee (\$200).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of this Amendment into the file of the above-identified application.

The claims are listed under the heading **Listing of the Claims** beginning at page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Applicant petitions for a five-month extension of time and submits herewith the requisite fee for the same to extend the response date from **January 15, 2007** to and including **June 15, 2007**. The RCE fee is also enclosed herewith along with the excess independent claim fee. No other fees are believed to be due. However, should any additional fees be required or an over payment of fees made, please debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-3935, as needed.

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